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Mr. Coffey via []

Some time ago you asked several questions raised in your mind by the notes about the 27 July IP Board meeting. (Background attached)

1. Viatron is a mini computer system with a fairly wide range of capabilities used primarily as an input device. The system includes an operator keyboard connected to a CRT and cartridge tape device. Keyboard material can be reviewed on the CRT display and then automatically recorded on tape. Data can be converted from tape to card, tape to disc, or card to disc.

2. Re - your question mark on paragraph 4 - coordination on some of these matters apparently breaks down within DDI. The DCID on multi-level security was coordinated in the Agency in the usual channels used to coordinate DCID's and USIB papers. Apparently [] did not have a shot at it until after the fact. All other IPC's saw it in the process of Directorate coordination.

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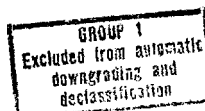
[] hadn't seen it because PPB is not involved in coordination of USIB security papers - DCID's. The problem, if there is a problem, has gone away until the next DCID dealing with Information Processing is proposed. The Ware Report is the product of Willis H. Ware of the Rand Corporation. He produced a report dealing with Security Controls for Computers for the Defense Science Board. Coordination was handled by the IHC - [] and the coordination effort wasn't very well coordinated between ORD and DDI. The [] Computer Security Subcommittee of the USIB Security Committee was the community coordination mechanism. The Ware Report is about 1-2 inches thick. It has never achieved any status. Every now and then it comes up in a kind of "whatever happened to" context.

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3. Re paragraph 5. The [] proposal for ARPA finding was a wild notion, the details of which I don't recall, submitted by [] to [] (IHC) in a very crude, disorganized rough draft which never should have seen the light of day. [] circulated it widely for coordination causing a lot of useless wheel spinning throughout several agencies of the community when the paper should never have been accepted by the IHC as an item of business. The whole tempest has since quietly passed away.

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4. Re paragraph 9 - [] was correcting an error in the notes of a previous Board meeting. The VS 2000, among others, was being looked at by the technicians as a possible substitute for the IBM 2260. It is still being evaluated and hasn't been adopted.

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<p>Attached is a note responding to several curiosity type questions raised by Mr. Coffey some time ago. (See attached) I have delayed responding because he doesn't really need any more paper and the answers won't contribute significantly to his store of knowledge. I give you this now to get it off my desk. When, or if, you choose to pass it in will depend, I suppose, on how long you are willing to keep it on yours.</p>		
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